MERIT Classification Issues

- MERIT security classification (OCA) – 20 June 2003.
- SYSCOM IA – concerns w/ MERIT classification ~ fall 2004.
  - No formal challenge has been made on MERIT to date.
  - DoN Information Security Program Regulation (SECNAVINST 5510.36, 17 Mar 99) provides guidance on classification challenges.
- MERIT 1.3.0.0 IATO (5 July 2005)
  - Specifies “contingent upon positive OCA classification”.
- Current classification review
  - Business rules, data elements, and data definitions.
  - Impact of deemed classified? What needs to be removed?
  - Continuous challenge as MERIT grows (functionality and new data interfaces/sources).